Riverside Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter for Families: Autumn 2

Lower Key Stage 2

This half term our theme is...



Danger Zone!



Welcome to a new half term in Year 3! This newsletter provides you with the opportunity to find out all about what your child will be learning over the coming weeks, along with some ideas and suggestions for some activities you could try to support their learning at home. We hope that you find these newsletters informative and useful.

What are we learning during this theme?

Our curriculum theme this half term is 'Danger Zone!' where the children's learning will be based on naturally occurring disasters. In Geography, to link with our theme, the children will be learning about volcanoes and the effects of volcanic eruptions. In RE, we will be looking at Christianity, focussing on the importance of The Baptism of Jesus and the Trinity. In Computing, the children will understand how computing systems work, and how the internet allows us to use devices to communicate. The children will be developing their gymnastic and tag rugby skills in their PE lessons. The children will be creating Christmas stockings for their D&T project.



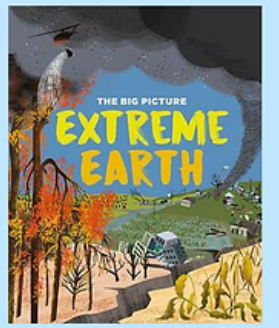
You can also find more information about our learning on our Medium Term plan and via our Knowledge Organisers, which are available on our school website: https://www.riversideprimary.co.uk/curriculum/

Trips, Visitors and Experiences

Year 3 have a lovely opportunity to attend the free church where they will put their baking skills to test to make Christmas puddings.The children will also be busy rehearsing for their Christmas production, which they will be performing to parents in December. We look forward to seeing you there!

How can you support your child at home?

Every week, your child will receive their usual home learning tasks of reading, spelling and times table practice and the expectation is that these are completed daily. Children will also be given a larger homework task to complete once a week and this will alternate every other week from being a piece of English or Maths work from their CGP workout books.
In addition to this, please find some suggestions below of how to support your child's learning this half-term:

Things to do:	Books to read:	Things to watch:
You could make a model volcano with your children and use some food coloring and vinegar to mix and pour inside to watch their volcano erupt! The following link provides instructions and a video demonstration to help with this: How to make a volcano | Natural History Museum Your child could carry out some independent research, looking at different types of natural disasters that have occurred in the past and the effects these have had on the human and physical Geography of communities. You could visit the Natural History museum and experience the earthquake simulator! Volcanoes and Earthquakes gallery | Natural History Museum	 Everything Volcanoes and Earthquakes by Kathy Furgang.  The Big Picture: Extreme Earth by Jon Richards.  Into the Volcano by Jess Butterworth.	**Here are a selection of interesting clips that your child could watch showing volcanic eruptions and their after effects.** A fun and engaging introduction to volcanoes for children - Volcanoes for Kids | A fun and engaging introduction to volcanoes for children Kilauea volcano explodes - CBBC Newsround Kilauea volcano explodes - CBBC Newsround Kilauea volcano destroys dozens of homes in Hawaii - CBBC Newsround Kilauea volcano destroys dozens of homes in Hawaii - CBBC Newsround Hawaii's Kilauea: Explosive eruption at volcano - Mount Kilauea on Hawaii's Big Island showed fountains of lava being spraying 30 metres into the air.